

**LOCAL NEWS.**



H J McKnight, register of the land office at Mangum, O. T., passed through our city on his return from Ironton, Ohio, where he had been called by the death of his father. Mr. McKnight stopped for a few minutes to shake hands with his old-time friend, Judge E M Payne.

The First National Bank of Chickasha is an institution of only six months in the city, but with its first report makes a fine showing of \$51,723.27 in loans and discounts and \$50,096.85 in deposits. This bank, although a new one has the confidence of the people and is fast growing into a business of which they can be proud.

An item appeared in the Daily last Saturday written by the manager, specially mentioning several ladies of the Episcopal church who assisted in making the Christmas tree a success. The writer has since learned that Miss Nellie Chilton the energetic and esteemed daughter of our true friend Mat Chilton, made herself very useful last Tuesday with her horse and carriage collecting the many presents from different people and delivering them to the church. We are sorry that Miss Chilton's name was omitted in the item as she certainly deserves as much credit if not more than any of those mentioned.

R E L McLain, our foreman on the Daily and Weekly is at his post today after a weeks absence on account of sickness.

The Citizens' National Bank of Chickasha in their first statement make a showing creditable with any like institution in the territory, and ranking it as one of the popular institutions of the city. A bank in the Indian territory with a deposit account of \$150,514.35 makes a showing worthy of the states. The Citizens' National, with its paid-up capital of \$50,000, is the oldest institution of the kind in the city, and is abreast with the fast pace the city has taken on. It has been nationalized only a short time.

A lot of baled hay for sale by A. L. Flint or Ben Kehn. Inquire at Kehn's Feed Store. 2nd-26

Last September when the editor went to St. Louis, he made the acquaintance of a Mr. T. J. Bradford, of Dearborn, Mo., who had been down in this country prospecting. He ordered the Express sent to his address, and from reading the weekly found that we had a daily, and he ordered that, sending six months to pay in advance. A letter from him yesterday says:

"When I first became acquainted with you I did not take you to be such a tease and torment as you are. To publish such a 'menu' as you did for a Christmas dinner is enough to drive one mad, especially with several hundred miles between 'send enchantment' to it. I hope you had the pleasure to stretch your legs under that table, and lent a silent wish for your absent friend, I send you a box of cigars to smoke with me.

Yours respectfully,  
T J BRADFORD."

That seems to be an impression among people of the states—that we live on prairie dogs and jack rabbits, that we are not civilized or cultivated. Bro. Bradford, you have read before this the description of that dinner, and while it did not say we were present, we were there, and can tell you again the Early House table was worthy of stretching your legs under.

The prospectors continue to come. The hotel and lodging house accommodations are inadequate to the demand, and dozens are compelled to shack down on floors or sleep in chairs.

A little letter from A M House, formerly of this vicinity, and later of near Mineo, but now of Ervay, Montana, says he went to Montana for his wife's health, which has improved. He says the snow is two feet deep, and very cold. He also says to send the Express, he can't get along without it

Mrs Franklin Ridgely is at home from St. Louis, after an absence of three months. Her sister, who was ill, was recovered. Many friends are glad to welcome Mrs Ridgely.

Yesterday was bright and sunny with just enough crispness in the air to make it good breathing. The churches all had good audiences.

**New Lodging House.**

Three streets south of P. O. I have fitted up the doctor Minter property and am prepared to accommodate a limited number of rooms to lodgers. Nice rooms, beds, and good attention. Day and night. Apply on premises.

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**Big Nursery Deal.**

G A Gamble, of the Gamble Nurseries at Fort Smith, has purchased the entire stock of the Benton Nursery Co., and all will be merged into one enterprise with headquarters at Bentonville, Arkansas.

Mr Gamble claims to have about sixty thousand two-year-old apple trees and a big assortment of other stock which he will sell at very low figures.

The following local notice is from the Benton County Democrat:

G A Gamble, proprietor of the Gamble Nurseries at Fort Smith, was in the city last week and bought out The Benton County Nursery Company of this city. Mr Gamble will continue the nurseries under the old name and will make his headquarters at Bentonville. S H Shelton, who has been foreman of the old nursery company for the past sixteen years, will be retained. It is needless to state that his qualifications and integrity are unquestioned, as his experience and conduct in past years have proved him to be

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**CLAY DONOVAN.**

A certain young gentleman of the city took his best girl for a drive yesterday afternoon, and all went merry as a marriage bell until they came to a bad mud hole into which the horse plunged, but alas for human hopes, the poor beast stuck fast. The girl didn't scream or even say hello, the young man couldn't get an answer from either end of the line, and matters were getting thick, in fact, muddy. The young man took matters coolly and at the same time took off his shoes and rolled up his pants and boldly plunged into the mire and endeavored to get the horse and buggy and his girl to dry land, but failed. The young lady was getting nervous and suggested that she be toted ashore and that was the solution. He carried her to dry land and they walked home, a distance of two miles. There may be a sequel.

The Rock Island Railway Company assumed charge of the eating houses and dining halls west of the Missouri River.

The south bound arrived about seven minutes late.  
Hot Scotch is being brewed.

a man of great worth. Parties ordering trees from this nursery can rest assured that they are true to name, and just as represented.

A visit to the north part of town yesterday disclosed a great many new houses in that locality. The sacredness of the day nor the cold wintry air did not stop one man from driving nails and sawing boards to complete his house, so he could have a shelter.

The managers received a box of cigars for a Christmas present from his nephew John J Williams who in the 32 USVI at Manila P I.

The IOOF have decided not to hold a public installation of officers heretofore announced.

Mrs W F Granite, received six very fine embroidered silk handkerchiefs as a Christmas present from her nephew, John J Williams who is employed as a government scout near Manila P I.

J R Harris, made the Express publisher an appreciated call this morning.

The north bound came in ten minutes late.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK,**  
Capital \$25,000.00.  
CHICKASHA, IND. TER.  
DIRECTORS:  
C. D. CAMPBELL, Pres., H. B. JOHNSON, J. T. ADAMS, Asst. Cashier,  
R. K. WOOLYER, JR., Vice Pres., Cashier, H. P. JOHNSON, Asst. Cashier.  
No. 5431.

Our patrons (its specific) of the city of Chickasha, will receive careful and considerate attention, and liberal accommodation will be extended them upon acceptable conditions.

**MORGAN & GRIFFIN**

**CHRISTMAS!**

Has come and gone. Perhaps in the rush of Christmas buying some one has been overlooked, you can atone for your sin of omission by making a New Years' Gift. While we have enjoyed a very large share of the Christmas patronage you will still find the best of choosing here. This is because our stocks are so large as to stand even the Christmas onslaught without being reduced beyond the point of good choosing and a good assortment. We have received a lot of Black Dress Goods that we bought for the Holiday trade but were delayed on the road. These were intended to sell for \$1.50 to \$2.50. You can have them now from 75c to \$1.65.....

**MORGAN & GRIBI.**

**LOOK HERE**

**OUR FALL STOCK IS ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION.**

**WELSH BROS.,**  
CHICKASHA, IND. TER.

COME AND SEE US

AND IT DESERVES it too, for certainly it is not only the best that we have ever shown, but also superior to any other in this locality.

No dealer will show better styles in Fall Dry Goods or quote lower prices.

We always invite inspection and comparison and in every instance can offer good inducements to trade here.

**Chickasha Greenhouse,**  
PHONE 48,  
Plants and cut flowers on sale at all times. Orders from a distance filled promptly. Prices as low as can be had elsewhere.

**Mrs. Johnston & Brown.**  
Greenhouse at Dr. Johnston's Residence.

**BUSY BEE RESTAURANT**  
MEALS AT ALL HOURS.  
SHORT ORDERS A SPECIALTY.  
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.  
**G. GILBERT.**

**DR. J. P. NASBORG,**  
Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, and Catarrh Specialist.  
**CANCER CURED No Cutting.**

Mild and safe treatment for all diseases of the Eye. Granulated Lids, Specs, Films, Opacities of the dimness of vision, weak or watery eyes, etc. Crossed eyes made straight without pain or detention from business. Glasses fitted when all others fail. Eyes tested free. Deafness, ringing in the ear speedily cured. Catarrh in its most aggravated form cured. I have the best and most improved NEBULISER for the cure of CATARRH this side of Kansas City.  
Office hours, 9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

CHRONIC NERVOUSNESS AND SPECIAL DISEASES OF THE EYE CURED. PAINFUL, UNRESTING EYES. PILES WITHOUT THE KNIFE.

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**A. J. DENTON, BRICK, Contractor and Builder.**

We have for a long time stocked to obtain a strictly Pure Baking Powder that we could sell reasonable and have contracted with an eastern factory for the genuine brand named "Perfect" and will sell it at 25 instead of 50 per pound.  
J. A. WARR, JR.  
W. W. HONER.